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1. Kamal HADDAD, the Arab Higher Committee messenger who travels for the Grand Mufti between Syria, Lebanon, and Cairo, returned to Beirut during the past week, bringing a letter from the Mufti to Riyad SULH and delivering it personally. He took Faris SIRHAN with him to see SULH, rather than ~~with GHURI~~, which made GHURI very angry.
2. HADDAD also brought instructions from the Mufti to the Beirut Arab Higher Committee office in answer to a recent letter from GHURI in which the latter stated that he would have to close the office because of a lack of funds. These instructions from the Mufti stated that the Beirut office would stay open even if it should be reduced to one room in the home of some loyal follower; there would be no money for the Beirut office until after the first of 1951; those followers who had to have money to remain loyal could drop out now.

* The last remark, source says, was aimed directly at GHURI.*

Field Notes

Paragraph 1: For HADDAD, see RLB-4-1041, RLB-2216, etc. Riyad SULH, Lebanese Prime Minister, has been reported in RLB's-2184, 2216, etc. For Faris SIRHAN, see RLB's-2171, 2179, etc. For GHURI, see RLB's-2191, 2216, etc. We have a hitherto unreported note from source, dated 25 October 1950, which states that GHURI was opposing agitation by Ibrahim ABU-DAYYI and others for anti-UNRWA demonstrations by Palestinian refugees on 2 November - BALFUR Day - refusing to have anything to do with it. The Grand Mufti has been reported most recently in RLB-2216.

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